

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3827

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 7, 1991

Application of RUCHMAN AND)
ASSOCIATES, INC., Trading as RAI,)
INC., for Temporary Authority --)
Contract with United States)
Department of Agriculture, Animal)
and Plant Health Inspection Service)

Case No. AP-91-31

By application accepted for filing on October 1, 1991, Ruchman and Associates, Inc., trading as RAI, Inc. (RAI or applicant), seeks temporary authority to transport passengers, together with mail in the same vehicle as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

With the application, RAI submitted a notice of award of a contract with APHIS for shuttle service. The award is dated August 27, 1991. APHIS's representative filed a letter on behalf of the Department of Agriculture requesting that a certificate be issued to perform contract requirements for the period October 1, 1991, through September 30, 1992. According to APHIS's representative, APHIS requires transportation for government employees together with official government mail "between the Agriculture South Building at 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC and the Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD. with stops at the Liberty Center Building, 14th Street, SW and the General Accounting Office at G Street, NW." Scheduled service is required beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. on government workdays. The schedule provides that the vehicles run simultaneously, each bus making 10 "runs" per day. To operate this service, applicant proposes to use two 1991 vehicles, each seating 16 persons or more (including the driver).

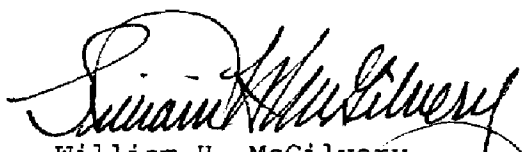
The standards for temporary authority are set forth in the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 13. The essential elements are (1) an immediate need for service, (2) no carrier available to meet such need, and (3) fitness of the applicant. See Order No. 2864, served May 23, 1986; Order No. 2857, served May 12, 1986; and Order No. 1643, served January 24, 1977.

This order will provide notice of RAI's application for temporary authority, and a brief period will be provided for the filing of protests, if any. No extension of time will be granted. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a) at the office of the

Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Thursday, October 17, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant's representatives, David R. VanMetre, Jr., 8221 Preston Court, Jessup, MD 20794 and Peter Wingers, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director